



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On June 8, 2010, a Lincoln man was sentenced to nine years (108 months) in federal prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area between March of 2006 and September of 2008. Pham was held responsible for the distribution of at least five kilograms (11 pounds) but less than 15 kilograms (33 pounds) of methamphetamine. Pham was ordered to forfeit \$50,000 in cash representing proceeds of his drug-distribution operation and \$1,410 in cash seized during a search of his business in to the United States. Pham was also ordered to pay \$5,250 in restitution to the Lincoln Police Department for money provided to Pham during purchases of methamphetamine made by a confidential informant working with LPD between July and September of 2008.

Name of Defendant: Tam H. Pham

AKA:

Age: 29

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Count I: Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. Count II: Forfeiture of \$1,410 used to facilitate the drug offense in Count I or representing proceeds of that offense, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853. Count III: Count II: Forfeiture of \$50,000 representing proceeds of the drug offense charged in Count I, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853. The possible penalty for Count I is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than

five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment. The possible penalty for Count II is forfeiture of \$1,410 to the United States of America. The possible penalty for Count III is forfeiture of \$50,000 to the United States of America.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Pham was held responsible for at least 5 kilograms (11 pounds) but less than 15 kilograms (33 pounds) of methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Count I: Between on or about March 1, 2006, and on or about September 19, 2008; Count II: September 19, 2008; Count III: Between on or about March 1, 2006, and on or about September 19, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: September 19, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: September 16, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: September 23, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on March 23, 2010

Sentencing Date: June 8, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester (retired) and The Honorable Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released from custody on conditions on September 24, 2008

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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